

27 Hollis St.

Boston, Dec. 29/67.

Dear friend Garrison,

318 Your kind note and your beautiful gift of the Vases came to us on Christmas Day. I prize them both, and thank you for your mindful regard, and the pains you must have taken to select for us the gift & bring it so far. I am not free from some troubled thoughts, that you should have so drawn on your purse on our account. But the friendly, affectionate remembrance is above all (the vases) consideration of cost, and they will stand — long I hope, tho' belonging to the French category of "fragile" — one of the several visible tokens I have of your kind regard. I speak for my wife as well as for myself in all I say of grateful regard, & acknowledgement of the beautiful gifts.

Ade. thinks they are so much
more elegant than our other things
at home, that we shall hardly
find the fitting place to set them up;
but we'll try. —

I should have written
sooner, but I went to Leicester
on some private business on Thursday
morning, & returned only last eve.

When I was at your house,
on Christmas eve, I learned that
you were contemplating an early
tour West. I hope to see you
before you go; & shall endeavor to
go to Roxbury early in the week.

With best regards to Mrs. G.

Affectionately,
Yours

Saml. May Jr



